

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

<b>In Re:</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>Chapter 11</b>
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<b>W.R. GRACE &amp; CO., et al.,</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>Jointly Administered</b>
	<b>§</b>	<b>Case No. 01-01139 (JKF)</b>
<b>Debtors.</b>	<b>§</b>	
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**FEE AUDITOR'S FINAL REPORT REGARDING  
NINTH INTERIM QUARTERLY FEE APPLICATIONS OF  
CONWAY, DEL GENIO, GRIES & CO., LLC**

This is the final report of Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C., acting in its capacity as fee auditor in the above-captioned bankruptcy proceedings, regarding the Ninth Interim Quarterly Fee Applications of Conway, Del Genio, Gries & Co., LLC (the “Application”).

**BACKGROUND**

1. Conway, Del Genio, Gries & Co., LLC (“CDG”), was retained as financial advisor to the Official Committee of Asbestos Property Damage Claimants. In the Application, CDG seeks approval of fees totaling \$240,847.00 and costs totaling \$3,237.13 for its services from April 1, 2003, through June 30, 2003.

2. In conducting this audit and reaching the conclusions and recommendations contained herein, we reviewed in detail the Application in its entirety, including each of the time entries included in the exhibits to the Application. We reviewed the Application for compliance with 11 U.S.C. §330, Local Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Amended Effective February 1, 2001, and the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11

U.S.C. 330, Issued January 30, 1996, (the "Guidelines"), as well as for consistency with precedent established in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. We have no objections to the Application, and thus we did not send an initial report to CDG.

## DISCUSSION

### General Issues

3. We note that CDG continues to split its allocation of fees between this bankruptcy case and the fraudulent conveyance adversary proceeding. This is explained in a footnote to paragraph #17 contained in CDG's Application. That explanation is provided below.

CDG's was engaged by the PD Committee at a flat fee of \$150,000 per month for the first 12 months (plus expenses) beginning on May 27, 2001. Prior to May 27, 2001, CDG was paid expenses only. Thereafter, CDG was to be paid a flat fee of \$100,000 per month (plus expenses). For the Compensation Period, total fees for services provided are \$300,000. However, on July 10, 2002, an order was entered separating the fees paid in the general bankruptcy case from those fraudulent conveyance adversary proceedings. Despite the fact that CDG does not charge for its services on an hourly basis, we were instructed by our clients to allocate our fees between the bankruptcy case and the fraudulent conveyance adversary proceeding, based on hours dedicated to performing services related to each. CDG recorded a total of 368.2 hours for the Compensation Period; in connection with the bankruptcy case, CDG rendered 295.6 hours of services.

$$\$300,000 * [295.6 / 368.2] = \$240,847$$

4. We note that CDG recorded a total of 368.2 hours for the three months covering this application period (the "Compensation Period"), for both the bankruptcy case and the fraudulent conveyance adversary proceeding. CDG was paid \$300,000 during the Compensation Period for both the bankruptcy case and the fraudulent conveyance adversary proceeding, which calculates to an effective hourly rate of \$814.77 per hour.

5. We have no objections to any of the expenses sought by CDG.

## CONCLUSION

6. Thus, we recommend approval of fees totaling \$240,847.00 and costs totaling \$3,237.13 for CDG's services from April 1, 2003, through June 30, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served First Class United States mail to the attached service list on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003.

  
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